

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 37, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 10 is an illustrative drawing showing the format of a RPR packet. A RPR packet is provided with a RPR header, which is ~~comprsed~~comprised of a TTL indicative of the start of the IP packet, a Type indicative of the type of the packet, a ring identifier (RI) for identifying either inner or outer, a PRI indicative of priority, and an IPO indicative of whether inside or outside a profile. In Fig. 10, numbers in brackets indicate the number of bits.